

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: June 15, 2005

Division: BOCC1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: BOCC1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Presentation of Mayor's proclamation declaring June 13 – 19<sup>th</sup> 2005, *Mote Marine laboratory Week*.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGETED:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty \_\_\_\_\_ OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

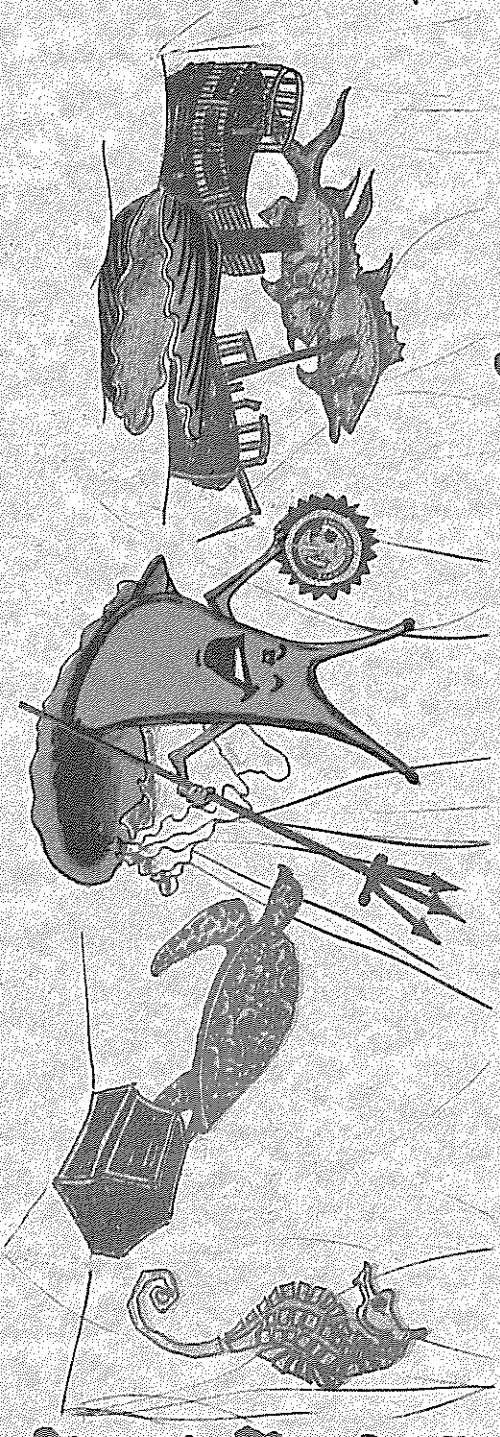
*Dixie M. Spehar*

Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included ☒ Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mayor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mote Marine Laboratory was created as the Cape Haze Marine Laboratory in 1955 by Dr. Eugenie Clark to "teach people about the sea", in a two room, 240 square foot shed in Placida. It was relocated to Siesta Key in 1960 and renamed Mote Marine Laboratory in honor of its major benefactor, William R. Mote, before moving in 1978 to its current headquarters in City Island, Sarasota, and;

**WHEREAS**, world renown Mote Marine Laboratory is one of the few remaining independent marine research centers with more than 230 staff members, 40 of whom have doctoral degrees, and nearly 1,400 volunteers conducting marine research and education projects locally and throughout the world, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Laboratory currently has 200,000 square feet of research, education and public outreach space on a 10.5 acre campus on City Island in Sarasota, as well as a 200 acre inland aquaculture park in Sarasota and field stations in Charlotte Harbor and the Florida Keys on Key West and Summerland Key, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mote Marine Laboratory has performed significant community service for the citizens of Monroe County through environmental education and scientific studies of Florida Bay, the Atlantic Ocean and the contiguous rivers, streams, estuarine and gulf areas of the Florida Keys, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mote Marine Laboratory has answered the challenge of educating the public about marine and estuarine ecosystems through its public Aquarium which hosts 400,000 visitors annually and its education programs which reach 50,000 students annually, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mote Marine Laboratory, is celebrating 50 years of advancing the science of the sea through research, education and community service, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County of Monroe wishes to recognize and applaud the trustees, staff and volunteers of Mote Marine Laboratory on the occasion of the Laboratory's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and proclaims June 13-19, 2005 as "Mote Marine Laboratory Week", with June 13, 1955 being the date of incorporation of the Laboratory.

*Dixie M. Spehar*  
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor